



# CASE STUDY

## HAWK PAGE TURNERS

Students read to community volunteers to improve reading fluency.



### Summary

As part of an effort to improve reading fluency among students, Fairview Elementary launched a new program for the 2022-23 school year called Hawk Page Turners. To achieve its goal, the school enlisted the help of more than 25 volunteers from the Fairview community.

During the grade-level intervention time, volunteers offer additional reading practice to children from kindergarten to third grade who are not part of a group. The volunteers were provided with training and orientation at the beginning of the year to establish expectations. Additionally, the Page Turners have t-shirts that they wear while volunteering so they are easily recognizable.

### Benefit one

Students have extra fluency practice by reading aloud to the volunteer.

### Benefit two

The community is engaged and invested in student success.

### Benefit three

Volunteers build meaningful and supportive relationships with the students.



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*"I tell my volunteers ... they are going to get more from it than they will ever imagine." - Erin Welch*

### Video Link

<https://youtu.be/qk1WxqF2P0o>



### How it Worked

- A parent volunteer inquired with the school's literacy coach about initiating a volunteer group to provide assistance in the school.
- The literacy coach organized a training and orientation session for the volunteers, outlining the group's expectations.
- Once a week, dedicated volunteers visit the school and are assigned to specific grade levels, ensuring consistency in their involvement. Additionally, there are substitute volunteers available to fill in for any absences.



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## RESOURCES

How can you make this work for your school?



### Lessons Learned

- Engaging with various community groups involves a wider range of individuals beyond just immediate family members.
- Establishing expectations through training and orientation at the start of the year serves as a foundation for the rest of the year.
- Students now have the opportunity to read with a familiar adult and enhance their reading fluency.

### Resources

- PTO
- Williamson County Recreation Center
- Public Library
- Retired Teacher Groups

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